एकमुश्त मासिक मानदेय, बोर्ड की बैठकों में भाग लेने के लिए शुल्क, यात्रा-भत्ता, बिना किराए का आवास, निजी प्रयोग हेतु कंपनी की कार, टेलीफोन तथा सचिवालयीय सहायता आदि पाने के हकदार हैं।

एयर इंडिया तथा इंडियन एयरलाइंस लि. के अंशकालिक अध्यक्ष के रूप में श्री मोदी की नियुक्ति की विस्तृत शर्तों को अभी तक अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है।

Power generation and oil exploration East West Airlines

2519. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that East West Airlines is planning to enter into the high profile business of power generation and oil exploration in the country;

(b) if so, what are the full details thereof; and reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Government's reaction there to

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism is not aware of any such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of Religious Places in Punjab

2520. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to develop the places of religious importance in Punjab as important tourist spot; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) In order to project a truly secular image of the country, State Governments were requested to send proposals for development of religious circuit Punjab has responded by sending a proposal for development of such circuits. The State Government has been asked to furnish additional information in this regard.

Funds for Promotion of Religious Tourism

2521. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the funds earmarked for the promotion of religious tourism in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the allocation proposed to be made for the Punjab in regard to the promotion of tourism; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Development of tourism facilities is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, Central Financial Assistance is extended in respect of a specific proposal depending upon its merits inter-se-priority and availability of funds, Funds have not been earmarked specifically for development of religious tourism during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) For development of tourism in the State of Punjab, 9 projects/schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 185.00 lakhs have been prioritised in consultation with the State Government for the year 1994-95.

Legal Expenditure of ITDC

2522. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what was the expenditure on litigation of India Tourism Development Corporation during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether the expenditure has come down as compared to that in previous years;

(c) if so, the specific reasons for increase in litigation expenditure in each year;

(d) what steps are being taken to contain the expenditure on litigation to the barest minimum;

(e) whether there is any proposal to revamp the legal cell of ITDC; if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the steps taken to improve the image of legal cell of ITDC ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI

AZAD) : (a) The year-wise expenditure on litigations was as under :--

Year	Legal expenditure
1990-91	Rs. 05,31,506.72
1991-92	Rs. 12,33,377.40
1992-93	Rs. 08,82,753.85

(b) and (c) While there was increase of Rs. 7,01,871 during 1991-92 over 1990-91, the expenditure during 1992-93 was lower by Rs. 3,50,624 over the year 1991-92. The legal expenditure during the year 1991-92 was higher mainly due to a payment of Rs. 5.26 lakhs in defence of a case relating to a foreign guest who sustained injuries while swimming in the swimming pool of Akbar Hotel in which a compensation claim of Rs. 3 crores has been raised.

(d) Compared to the business turnover, legal expenditure has been normal. However, wherever possible, efforts are made to minimise such expenses.

(e) No. Sir.

(f) Improvement is a continuing process. More stress is being given to conciliation proceedings and early settlements.

Russi Mody's remark on the running of Airline

2523. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention ha been drawn to the interview of Shri Russi Mody, part time Chairman AI/IA published in 'India Today; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the Chairman's remark that "Running of the Airline should be exact like I would run a private sector industry ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government wants Air India and Indian Airlines to function efficiently and professioally.

Conditions laid by Chairman of AI/IA

2524. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the interview of Chairman of Air India/Indian Airlines published in "Sunday" Magazine dated November 20—26, 1994 about his accountability to the Ministry/Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has been told about the same by him as one of the conditions before he accepted the offer to become the Chairman of IA/AI; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NAB AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Lowering of equity in

2525. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the interview of Chairman, AI/IA published in "Sunday" magazine of 20th—26th November, 1994;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Government have permitted the Chairman to consider bringing, down Government equity to 49 percent and bring Singapore Airlines or some other airlines to hold 51 percent equity; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government there to ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Viewk expressed by the Chairman of Air India and Indian Airlines are his personal.